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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Suez 'Hitches'

THE Suez agreement has been signed at last—more than ten weeks after it was initiated in Cairo by British and Egyptian representatives. The official reason for the long delay in between the announcement of intention and execution of the final act is given as a number of "small problems" which had to be settled first. But official reticence discreetly hid from the public view a number of quite formidable obstacles which, had they been revealed, would have seriously jeopardised the chances of the Agreement being signed. The Egyptians have proved particularly slippery customers in the last 10 weeks and the relief we expressed on the occasion of the initialling in July has now given way to doubt as to whether the Agreement is such a good one after all. In principle the British withdrawal from the Canal is a wise decision—for the sake of the stability and strength in a region which has been notoriously unsettled and politically disturbed in the post-war years, if for no other reason. But in view of the outrageous demands the Egyptians have made since July, it is not possible to accept the Agreement with quite the same enthusiasm. In fact, until the full text is published it would be better to reserve judgment.

EGYPT has proved not only a hard bargainer but thoroughly untrustworthy. She has imperilled the chances of clinching the agreement by haggling with no greater decorum or dignity than a Port Said bumpkin. Certainly the recent "difficulties" may have dealt with comparatively trivial questions such as accommodation for British technicians who are to look after the base when the troops leave. But there was another major point in dispute and there is no indication yet as to how it was resolved. In 1951 when Egypt renounced the Anglo-Egyptian treaty, she demanded that customs duties be paid on supplies entering the country for the British troops garrisoned there. Britain quite properly refused. But the Egyptians pressed the demand and recently presented Britain with a bill for £58 million. It is hard to understand why this point was not settled before the agreement was initiated. And if the treaty was signed without a definite statement on this question, it is sure to crop up again, to vex relations between the two countries.

It reminds us of the £230 million "debt" Britain incurred for military goods and services supplied by the Egyptians during the last war when Britain might along with the Commonwealth to keep Rome out of Alexandria. Britain objected to the bill but Egypt insisted and today we are still paying that debt back in instalments. If Egypt thinks she can twist the lion's tail so contemptuously she had better think again and Britain should tell her in unequivocal terms that she is not going to get the £58 million she demands. The Egyptians have also shown bad faith in another respect since the Agreement was initiated. The settlement of the Anglo-Egyptian dispute was only one of the two main pre-conditions for the restoration of stability and security in the establishment of collective defence in that area. The other was peace between Israel and the Arab states, of which Egypt is the chief. Cairo has shown by a number of recent acts that it is not prepared for peace with Israel and there is no suggestion that even if the British do leave the Canal that Middle East security is going to be any the better for it. This is another point that Britain should have written into the Agreement, but perhaps the Suez intervention conflict will serve to restore the stability that a British presence could not.

Now It's Official!

SUEZ CANAL AGREEMENT SIGNED

Evacuation Of British Troops In 20 Months

WILD REJOICING IN CAIRO

Cairo, Oct. 19. Britain and Egypt tonight signed an agreement for the evacuation of 80,000 British troops from the Suez Canal Zone within the next 20 months.

Mr Anthony Nutting, newly-appointed British Minister of State, and Lieutenant-Colonel Gamel Abdel Nasser, the Prime Minister, signed the agreement at 10.20 p.m. (2026 GMT). It had been clinched yesterday after prolonged negotiations.

Other British and Egyptian officials added their signatures at a ceremony in the Parliament building. A neon sign representing the eagle emblem of the Egyptian revolutionary command emblazoned one side of the building.

Egyptians had been held in suspense before the actual agreement was signed. The ceremony was delayed an hour while typists completed work on extra documents. The police gave up trying to control traffic in the centre of Cairo as thousands of jubilant citizens took over the capital. Streets were ablaze with red, green and yellow floodlights.

Bunting added to the carnival atmosphere.

DETAILS OF FACT

The whole of the 80,000 strong British garrison in the Suez Canal Zone will leave Egypt by June 20, 1956 under the terms of the new Anglo-Egyptian agreement signed here today. But British troops are to return to the base "in the event of an armed attack by an outside power" on Turkey or any Arab state. Egypt will give port facilities for their return.

As foreshadowed by the preliminary agreement signed last July, the new seven-year treaty provides for maintenance of the Suez Canal Zone base after British withdrawal by the Egyptian Government and by British civilian contractors.

British troops are to withdraw again immediately on the cessation of hostilities.

DEFINITION OF WORDS

Exchanges of notes between Britain and Egypt record agreed definitions of the key words "outside power" and "withdraw immediately." Britain and Egypt are to consult in the event of a threat to Turkey or any Arab state.

Egypt undertakes the service of Royal Air Force planes on notified flights at Egyptian air ports.

Both Governments reaffirm their determination to uphold the United Nations obligations and the Suez Canal convention of 1888 guaranteeing freedom of navigation.

RATIFICATION

The agreement which came into force on signature is valid until October 19, 1961 when it expires unless both parties wish to renew it. Buiky annexes to the treaty cover arrangements for the withdrawal of the British garrison and the subsequent maintenance of the base. The first annex lays down a five-stage phased withdrawal programme for British troops. More than 50 per cent of the present garrison will leave Egypt within 12 months of the signature.

Maintenance is to be supervised by eight inspectors attached to the British Embassy in Cairo. The maintenance for which Britain is responsible is to be carried out by not more than 1,200 British civilian technicians of whom not more than 800 may be recruited outside Egypt. The British technicians are subject to Egyptian law but are exempted from Egyptian military and national service. They are free to import personal and household goods to set up house free of Egyptian customs duty.

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MAILS NOT AFFECTED BY STRIKE

London, Oct. 19. Parcel post and ordinary surface mail deliveries have so far not been affected by Britain's dock strikes, a spokesman of the General Post Office said today.

As yet there was no indication that incoming and outgoing Christmas mail would be affected by the strike. "The Post Office views the situation with no anxiety," the spokesman added. —Reuter.

Hull Dockers 'Out'

London, Oct. 19. Hull dockers decided at a mass meeting tonight to strike from 8 a.m. tomorrow but a resolution for a day's token strike at Southampton was defeated by almost all the port's 2,050 dockers.

The Hull dockers belong to the militant National Amalgamated Stevedores and Dockers Union which has a membership of almost 9,000.

London Transport announced tonight that all bus services would be running normally tomorrow. Bus crews from the last of the 48 garages affected decided tonight to return to work in the morning.

The "London Metal Bulletin", organ of the British metal trade, said the London and Liverpool strikes threatened to create a shortage of heavy scrap in the British steel industry. —Reuter & Franco-Press.

Seven Western Ambassadors Walk Out Of Big Moscow Dinner Party

Moscow, Oct. 19. Seven Western Ambassadors, including the British, American and French envoys, walked out of a Moscow diplomatic dinner party last night because they were asked to dine at the same table as the Communist Chinese and East German Ambassadors and several other Communist State Ambassadors, it was disclosed today.

Chief guest at the dinner was Mr Vyacheslav Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Minister, who came together with Deputy Prime Minister, Mr Mikhail Pervukhin.

The dinner was given by the Burmese Ambassador, Maung Ohn, acting Doym of the Diplomatic Corps, in a luxury suite of Moscow's Soviet-akaya Hotel.

Those who walked out included Sir William Hayter, British Ambassador, Mr Charles E. Bohlen, United States Ambassador, and M. Louis Joxe, the French Ambassador. They left while guests were still assembling after examining the table plan for the evening.

A diplomatic source said the Western envoys were compelled to leave because their countries did not recognise either Communist China or East Germany or one of the other Communist Asian states and it would have been embarrassing to share a table with official representatives of those states.

Other Ambassadors who left soon after their arrival at the party were Mr Jonkhart E. Texeira de Mattos (Holland), Mr Alexander Contouras (Greece), Mr John Watkins (Canada), and Mr Erik Braadland (Norway).

MESSAGES TO MOLOTOV

The seven Western Ambassadors who walked out today sent personal messages to Mr Molotov to inform him that their action was not intended as a slight to him and was only because of the presence of Ambassadors of countries with which their Governments did not have normal relations.

It was understood that some of the Western envoys enquired before the party as to the nature of the invitation, but were unable to obtain advance information.

It was learnt that the walk-out was not a concerted action by several of the Ambassadors, but took place on individual decisions.—Reuter.

Franco-German Agreement On Saar Reported

Paris, Oct. 19. The French and West German Premiers tonight reached agreement in principle on the Saar problem, usually well informed sources revealed tonight.

A French Foreign Ministry spokesman said he was not yet in a position to comment on the terms of the agreement between M. Pierre Mendès-France and Dr Konrad Adenauer. He restricted himself to repeating the words of an official communiqué that "progress" was made on the Saar issue.

The communiqué said this first exchange of views on the Saar would be followed, by further talks this week on the work of experts proposed.

A French spokesman said Dr Adenauer informed his Government tonight of the results of the talks—which the spokesman described as "highly satisfactory."

Dr Adenauer told the French Premier that before he could make any official agreement, he wanted to consult the leaders of the political parties in Bonn. The French spokesman said, "He will call his coalition party leaders to Paris for the consultations before the weekend."

It was expected that M. Mendès-France and Dr Adenauer would then meet again to finalise their agreement provided that the German party leaders endorsed the Chancellor's policy on the Saar.

Full agreement on the future of the Saar, long a source of dispute between France and Germany, would clear the way for French approval of German rearmament.—Reuter.

RIOT SQUAD CALLED IN Big Brawl In Italian Parliament

Rome, Oct. 19. Flat fights on the floor of the Chamber of Deputies tonight broke up a wild session of Parliament a few minutes before members were scheduled to vote on the foreign policies of Premier Mario Scelba.

Deputies turned the walnut-paneled chamber into an arena for a free-for-all fight in which they battled with fists, elbows and pieces of broken furniture. The wild disorder continued for 10 minutes, until riot police arrived on the scene to break it up.

The fighting began just before the roll was to be called on a motion which in effect sought approval of the start made on German rearmament at the recent London nine-power conference and a so-called for the Italian Foreign Minister in the new German rearmament conferences opening tomorrow in Paris.

CHAOTIC SCENE

The whole Chamber presented a chaotic scene of shouting and shoving. Signor Scelba, Signor Martino and other leaders were jostled, but escaped injury. Police guards broke up the battle but a number of angry deputies chased one another down the corridors into the cloakrooms and continued the battle.

Left-Wing deputies were angered by a remark made by Professor Giuseppe Togni, Right-Wing Christian Democrat. He said: "The Lord knows and perhaps also some of you. How many of those sitting on these Left-Wing benches were members of the Fascist Party. And how many of you were actually members of the OMBRA (Fascist secret police)?" he asked.

SECOND BRAWL

A second round of fighting broke out when the House had recessed after a 15-minute interval during which order was restored.

Professor Togni with a bodyguard of Christian Democrats avoided him, repeated his allegations.

"It is impossible to mention names but perhaps I should say that I am talking about the members of the OMBRA (Fascist secret police) who were sitting on the Left benches," he said.

Four deputies were led away with blood streaming from their faces while others tried to urge the others into the corridors.

Deputies ripped drawers out of desks and used them as weapons. Others hurled books, brief cases and heavy bunches of papers.—Reuter.

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Early End To Mau Mau Emergency Not Likely - Official

Nairobi, Oct. 19. There is no likelihood of an early end to the Mau Mau emergency in Kenya, the Colony's Four-Man War Council announced tonight—the second anniversary of the beginning of the battle against this terrorist organisation.

In the most comprehensive official report on the emergency yet to be issued, the War Council added, however, that it viewed the present situation with "cautious" optimism.

"There are indications of a weakening of terrorist morale and of disension among a few of the leaders. But most of the leaders, in the absence of any alternative, are still firm in their determination to continue the fighting."

IMPOSSIBLE TO SAY

The four men comprising the War Council—the Governor, Sir Evelyn Baring, East Africa Commander-in-Chief, General Sir George Erskine, the Deputy Governor, Sir Frederick Crawford, and the Minister without Portfolio, Mr. Michael Blundell—said it was not possible to say how long it would take to exhaust the Mau Mau manpower assuming that their present rate of casualties continued.

The Mau Mau emergency proclaimed by Sir Evelyn Baring last month after he became Governor of Kenya in October 1952 is now costing £1 million a month.

R.A.F. Jet Flies Over North Pole

London, Oct. 19. A Canberra A-14 aircraft made the first flight by a British jet plane over the geographical North Pole, the Air Ministry announced last night.

The jet, piloted by Wing Commander John Derry, was on a test flight from the Royal Air Force Museum, Hendon, to the Arctic Circle.

Where Is Khrushchev?

Moscow, Oct. 19. Foreign diplomats here are mystified by the fact that three leading members of the Soviet Government who left Peking by air a week ago, have not been reported to have arrived home.

Mr Nikita Khrushchev, Communist Party Secretary, Mr Nikolai Bulganin, Defence Minister, and Mr Anastas Mikoyan, Minister of Trade, were reported to have left Peking last Wednesday.

The arrival back in Moscow of so prominent a delegation is usually reported prominently in newspapers here—but there has been no further mention of the delegation, although the flight was reported to have taken place.

Some diplomats think the Khrushchev delegation may have been sent to the Far East to discuss the Sino-Soviet alliance.

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Compensation For Far East POWs

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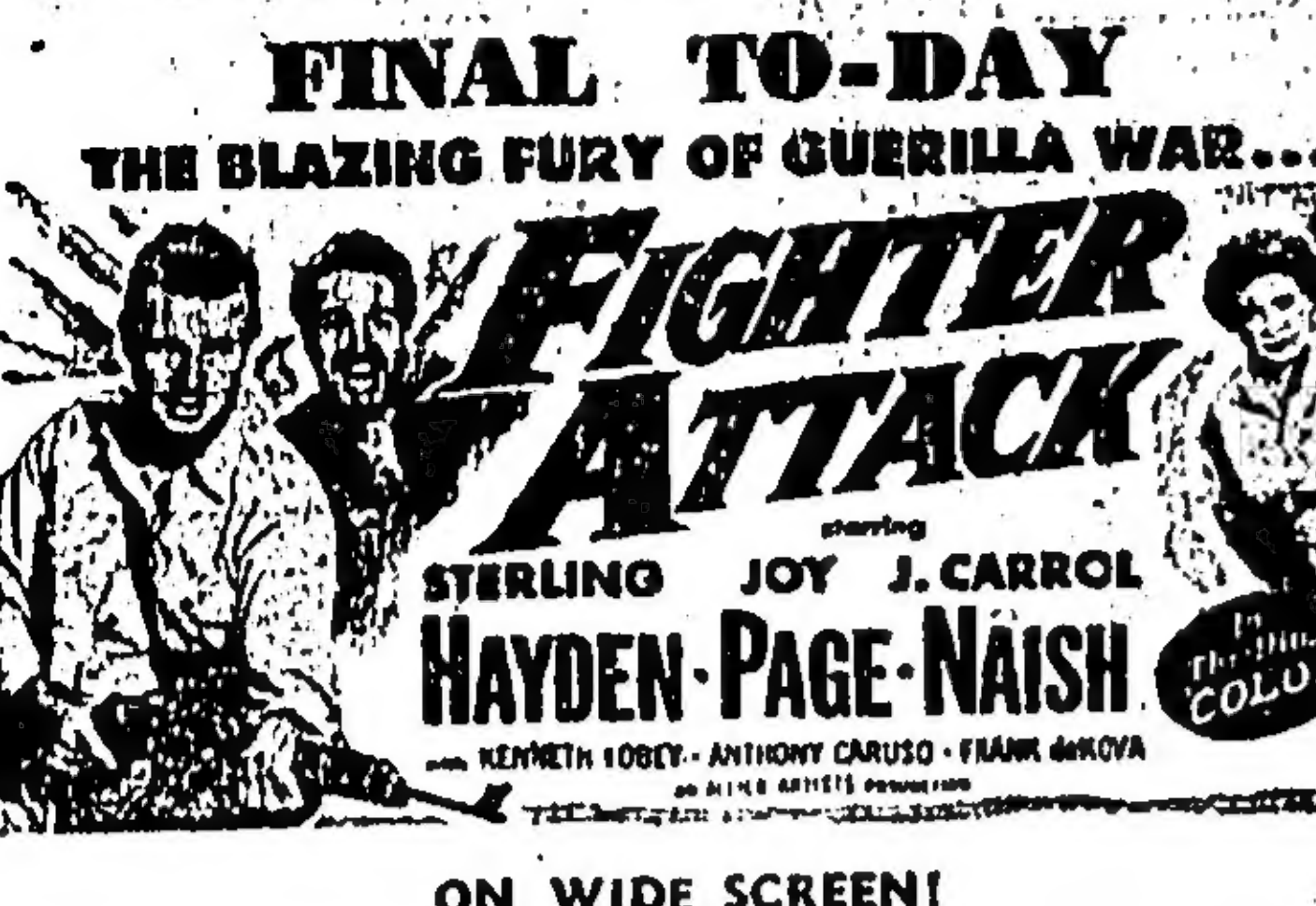
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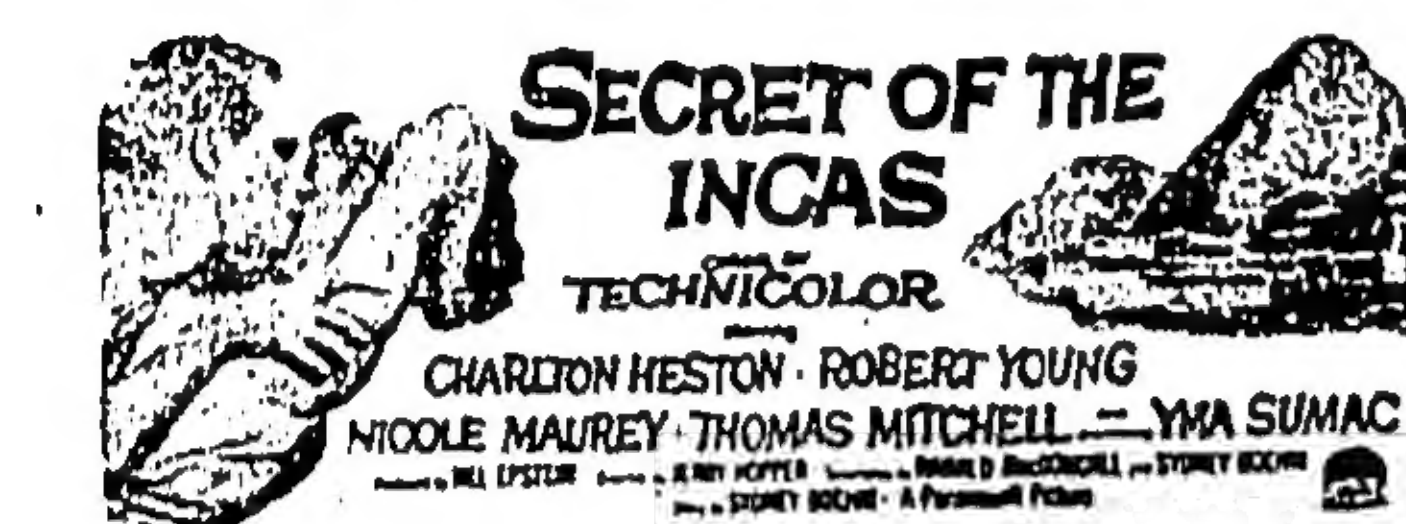
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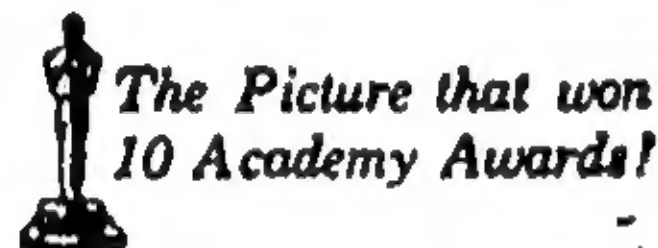
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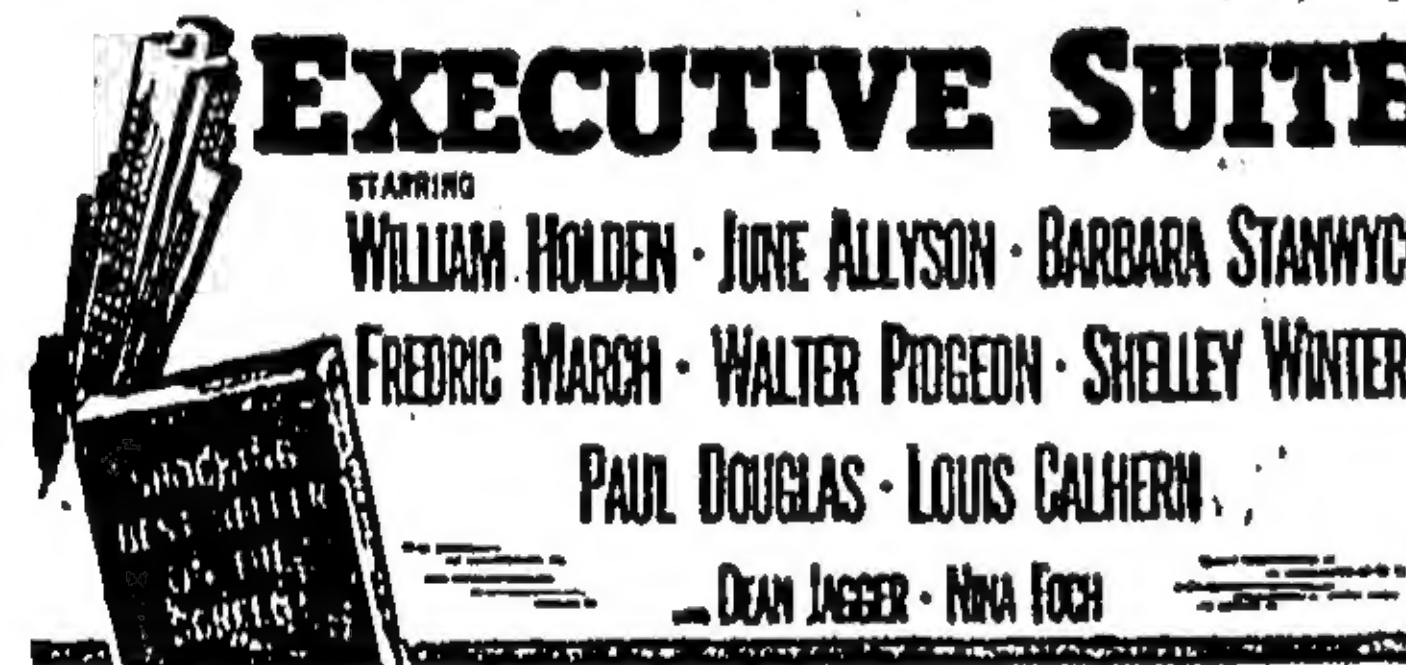
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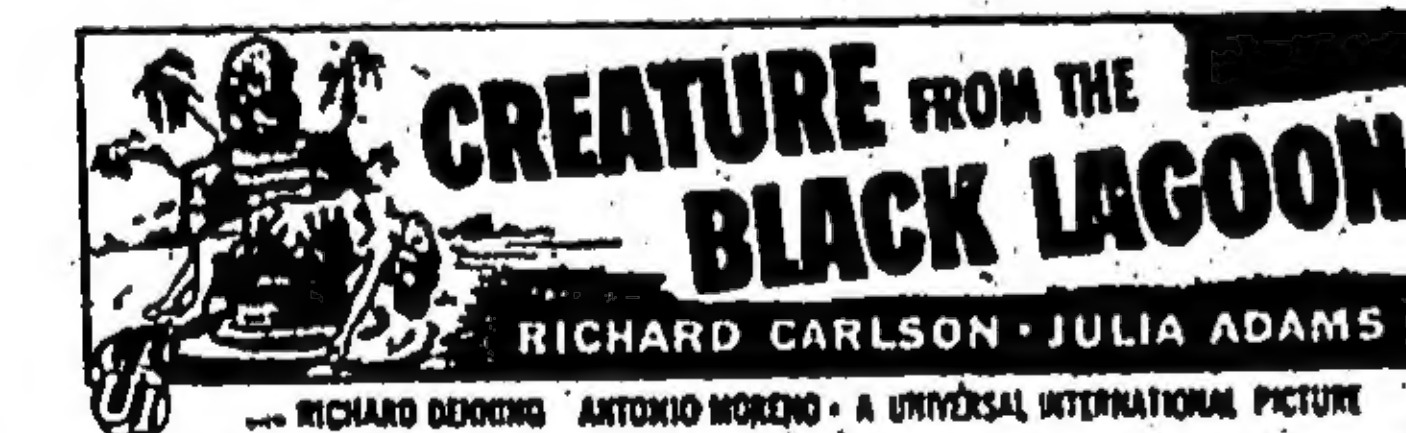
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Maria Belousova (82) and her son Wassili who is 74 are helped by a St John member at Waterloo Air Terminal, London. They are white Russians who have been in Salisbury Camp, Austria, and are going to a refugee camp at Barton-on-Sea. They are among the first party of Iron Curtain refugees from camps in Germany and Austria to arrive in England. Many of them have been in the camps since the end of the war and were brought over under a Home Office scheme operated by the British Council for Aid to Refugees.—Express Photo.

'Little Prospect Of Kashmir Settlement'

New York, Oct. 19.

Prime Minister Mohammed Ali of Pakistan, in an exclusive interview in the magazine Newsweek, said today that he sees little prospect of settlement with India of the Kashmir dispute.

He also said that no country can remain neutral in a cold war; that he is confident such Middle Eastern and Southeast Asian countries as Iran, Iraq, Egypt, Ceylon and Burma will ultimately join in arrangements for collective security against Communism; that Pakistan has no aggressive designs against India, and that the best way to combat Communism is to join in collective security and to raise standards of living.

Concerning Kashmir, he said: The prospects are not very bright...there are three factors necessary for settlement:

1. A neutral government in this disputed region.
2. Complete demilitarization of this area.
3. Appointment of plebiscite administrator whose integrity and stature would be unquestioned.

(India) repudiated U.S. Admiral Chester Nimitz as plebiscite administrator. They now want an administrator from a small neutral country. They want to be able to throw their weight about and refuse to have an administrator from a country which can afford to ignore India's threats. On neutrality, he said that a cold war means a conflict of ideologies and each country must side with one or the other camp. He said that other Middle Eastern nations will match Pakistan before taking action on collective security, since Pakistan has banned Communism and allied itself with anti-Communist Turkey. "If we succeed in keeping out of war by building ourselves up, they will feel encouraged to join up," he said.—United Press.

MacDonald Sees Eden

London, Oct. 19. Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, British Commissioner-General for Southeast Asia, conferred here today with Mr. Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary. Mr. MacDonald had originally planned to make Mr. Eden's Friday but the call was postponed until today. The Commissioner-General arrived here from the United States yesterday.—United Press.

Philippine Delegate Offers New Compromise

United Nations, Oct. 19.

The Philippine delegate, Felixberto M. Serrano, offered today a compromise proposal for seeking the basis of an agreement on world disarmament.

He is the author of a proposal, already before the United Nations' Political and Security Committee, that would set up a working group of five atom Powers to report by November 16 on the possibility of an agreement.

Canada has proposed, with Western Powers backing, that the question be submitted to the same five members of the Disarmament Commission's Subcommittee—the United States, Britain, France, Russia and Canada. The main point of difference between the earlier proposals is that the Philippine draft resolution would keep the matter before the General Assembly's Political Committee, and the Canadian one would immediately hand it to the Disarmament Subcommittee.

Mr Serrano told the Committee today that he believed the views of Canada and the Philippines could be embodied in one proposal that keeps the outstanding features of both.

The Philippine plan would set up the five-Power group under the Political Committee, with instructions to list points of agreement between the Western Powers and the Soviet Union on disarmament, and to attempt to narrow down points of disagreement. The group's recommendations would result in a General Assembly directive to the Disarmament Commission, which could then function on the basis of the Political Committee's findings.

Mr Serrano said he would be willing to broaden the investigating group to include about three smaller powers, Argentina had suggested that it consist of 15 to 18 countries.

He also said he hoped that the compromise he had in mind would satisfy Australia's delegation, which had suggested a somewhat different kind of a sub-committee of the Political Committee.

"We feel that this debate will have to end somehow and that this committee will have to take constructive action," he said. "We believe that the Committee should help to define the specific issues between the Soviet Union and the Western Powers on the basis of the views expressed here before returning the question to the Disarmament Commission."

Mr Serrano told the United Press that he intended to sound out key delegations on his suggested compromise. If the reaction were favourable, he added, he would put it in the form of a draft resolution.

He said that if the Working Committee had to be expanded beyond the five Powers, he would favour one country agreed to by Russia, one by the Western Powers, and one by the Political Committee's Chairman.

He explained that he believed the Assembly's main Political Committee to be the proper body to give impetus to the Disarmament Commission's study. He said it was obvious that no solution to the disarmament problem could be found at this United Nations session and that the Commission should be instructed to report back next year.—United Press.

Glaxo Chief Dead

London, Oct. 19. Mr. Alec Nathan, a New Zealander who founded and was former Chairman of the £15,000,000 Glaxo dried milk and pharmaceutical products group, died in London yesterday. He was announced today. Mr Nathan, who was 82, came to England from Wellington in 1908 to develop the use of dried milk for infant food. He was Chairman of the company from its inception in 1927 until he retired in 1946.—China Mail Special.

Serious Plight Of Candy Industry

Washington, Oct. 19.

A confectionery trade chief told a government inquiry here today that imported sweets and bars of chocolate were forcing United States manufacturers into bankruptcy or a merger with other firms.

The charge was made by the Vice-President of the National Confectioners' Association, Mr. Harry Chapman, who named the British firm of Cadbury as bearing the major responsibility for what he called a serious plight of the American candy industry.

"We do not mind helping them but we do mind committing suicide in the process," he added.

Mr Chapman was appearing as a witness before the Committee for reciprocity information which is getting the views of business organizations as a guide to the United States delegation to the forthcoming general agreement on Tariffs and Trade conference in Geneva.

Mr Chapman urged the Committee to reject proposals that the United States should seek extension of article 28 of GATT. If not extended its present deadline of June 30, 1955, the article would allow the United States and other countries to increase tariffs on individual imports.—Reuter.

Italy-Japan Friendship Increasing

Rome, Oct. 19.

Winding up a foreign affairs debate in the Chamber of Deputies today, the Italian Foreign Minister, Professor Gaetano Martino, said that Premier Yoshida's visit to Italy "will not fail to re-enforce the links of friendship which already unite Italy and Japan."

He added that during the talks Premier Yoshida has had with Italian Ministers "the identity of views of the two countries in the various sectors of international policy has been evidenced."

REBUILDING

He went on: "Japan is rebuilding herself and is developing both politically and economically. Italy cannot fail to extend even further the contacts with this country and with the other countries of the Asiatic continent whose immense forces have so active and propulsive an influence on the world scene."

Replying to Communist criticism that the Italian Government is subservient to the United States in refusing to trade with Iron Curtain countries, the Minister said Italian exports to China had increased from 844 million lire (£485,000) in 1950 to about 3,000 million lire (£1,725,000) in 1953.

He added that the chief difficulty in increasing trade with China was that she had no goods to offer which might interest Italy.—Reuter.

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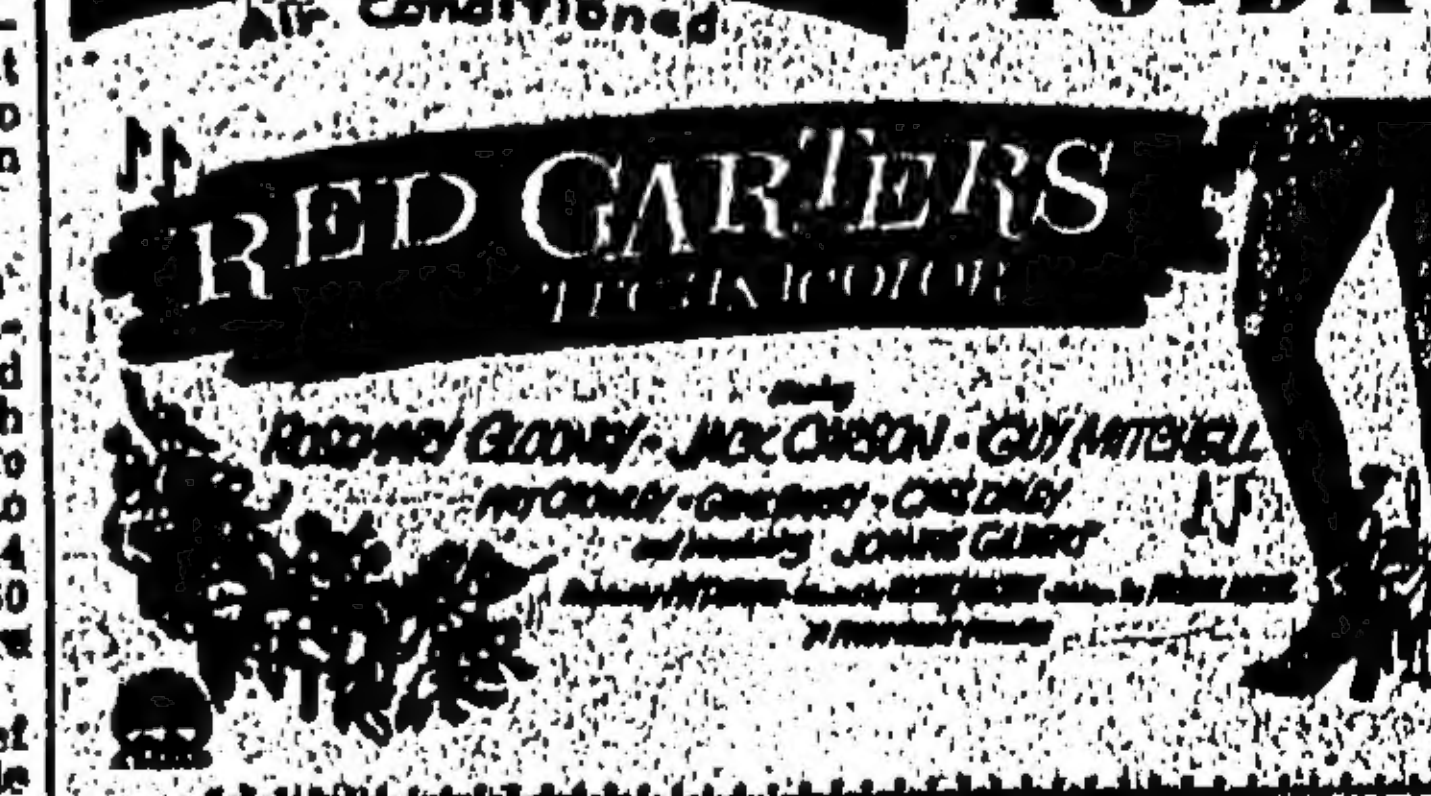
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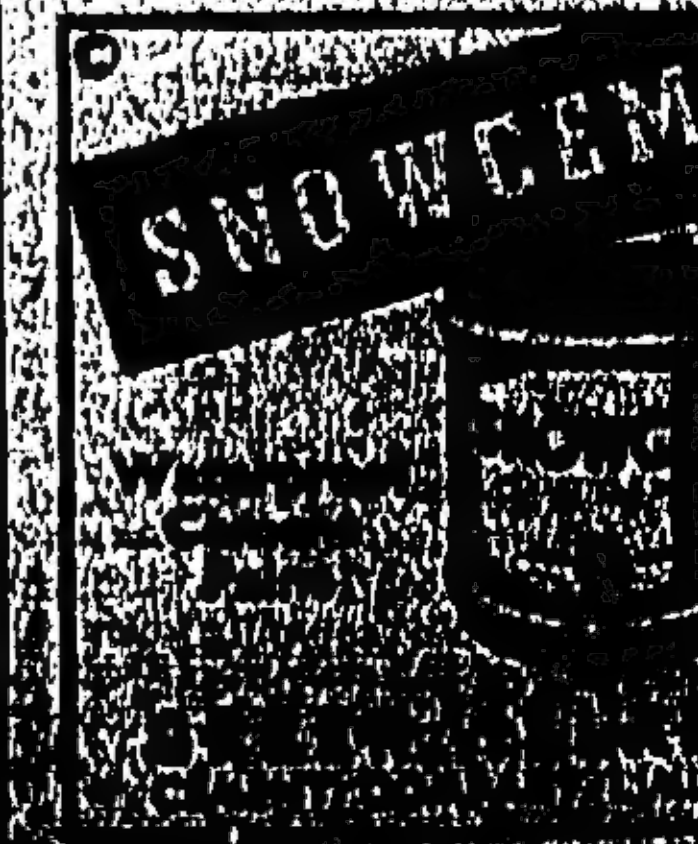
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Jane Russell Film Stolen

Newcastle, N.S.W., Oct. 19. The part of Jane Russell's film "The French Line" stolen from a cinema here was the 900-foot sequence showing her scantily clad dance which raised a censorship in America.

The accompanying song is "Looking for Trouble."

Police said the thieves could not show the film without the right projector and a full-size theatre unit would show only parts of her.—China Mail Special.

YOSHIDA RECEIVES SHE-WOLF

Prime Minister Yoshida tonight received a silver she-wolf (which he had just killed) in a ceremony at the Chiyoda Hotel.

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DINNER GUEST

Later this evening, Mr. Yoshida was host to the Italian Prime Minister, Mario Scelba, at dinner in the Japanese Embassy here. Signor Scelba was accompanied by Cabinet Ministers and high-ranking officers of the Italian Foreign Service and naval forces. The dinner was followed by a reception in the Embassy, attended by Italian diplomats and distinguished Italian men and women.

Tomorrow morning, the Prime Minister will drive to Castel Gandolfo in the Alban hills to meet Pope Pius XII in his summer palace at a special private audience.

He will be greeted in the courtyard of the great Renaissance palace by a platoon of the Pontifical Guards.

The audience will be held in the Pope's private library. At the end of their meeting, the Pope will receive Mrs. Ruziko Asa, the Premier's daughter, who is a Catholic, and other members of Mr. Yoshida's suite. This will be the Premier's last official function here before leaving by air for London on Thursday afternoon.—Reuter.

Gradual Build Up Of Arms And Membership

DOCUMENTS FOUND

Belfast, Oct. 19. The raid by armed men last weekend on a British army barracks in Omagh, Northern Ireland, is regarded here as a sign that the illegal Irish Republican Army is gathering strength.

The raid by 26 men with blackened faces was carried out on Commando lines, and showed evidence of intense training and planning.

During the last five years, the secret army, which is pledged to drive British rule out of Ireland and unite the six northern provinces with the Republic in the south, has been gradually building up its membership and arms.

So far its activities have been of a skulking nature. But the police here are alert to the threat of serious trouble in the future, similar to the outrages by the IRA terrorists which worried Britain in the 1920's. Many people here fear that unless the rapidly reforming organisation is stamped out, there may be armed revolt in northern Ireland.

DOCUMENTS SEIZED

Documents recently seized in Northern Ireland are proof of astute military planning which is going into the revival of the IRA. The documents were headed "Training notes in preparation for campaign against British forces of occupation."

One note read: "The object of all battle craft and weapon training is to teach the volunteers the most efficient method of

conducting themselves and handling their weapons in order to kill the enemy. We are not training men to play games or just make bloody sacrifices, but to successfully conduct a bloody war.

"To kill as many of the enemy as possible is the objective."

Some of the papers dealt with the manufacture of explosives and mines, the demolition of bridges and railway installations, instructions on telecommunications on weapons.

It is impossible to judge the strength in numbers of the new IRA. But day by day it is enlisting members. It has sent undercover "recruiting sergeants" into Northern Ireland to enlist new members. Last summer in Tralee, Southern Ireland, IRA men raised local cinemas and forced the operators to show films on the screens calling for recruits.

The authorities both here and in the Irish Republic are handicapped in curbing the growth of the organisation by the oath of secrecy the members take. Several have been captured but none of those who matter was betrayed as Commandos or leaders.

"ADJUTANT-GENERAL"

The identity of the mysterious "Adjutant-General" who issues most of the orders from hidden headquarters in Dublin, is unknown. His superior are equally shadowy figures.

Some are probably highly respected Irish citizens whose fanatical desire to unite Ireland at all costs only emerges when they meet in cellars or back rooms to plan their campaign.

This is not surprising in a country like the Irish Republic, with its long history of violent nationalism. All political parties are pledged to end the partition of Ireland. But the politicians want to do it by persuasion, not force. Responsible leaders like Eamon de Valera, himself a veteran revolutionary, support the ban on the Republican Army.

During the past few years, the IRA's main thought has been to build up a giant arsenal of weapons. It has aimed to do this by periodic raids on army barracks and even the armories of schools which maintain cadet corps.—China Mail Special.



Miss Janette Altwegg, British world champion skating star of 1951 and Olympic champion of 1952, shown leaving St. Andrew's Church in Zurich after her marriage to Mr. Marc Witz, an engineer.—Central Press Photo.

European Force 'Aimed At No Other Power'

London, Oct. 19.

Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, emphasised today that the West's new plans to build up a European force including an armed West Germany were "aimed at no other power."

He told the House of Commons: "On the contrary, once the unity of the free nations of the West has been achieved we shall be the better able to move on towards even wider projects—including, let us hope, a relaxation of tension between East and West."

The Foreign Secretary was reporting to the House on the recent nine-power conference in London which agreed to extend the Brussels Treaty to include Germany and Italy.

DIFFICULT MOMENT

He spoke of the importance of the undertaking by Dr. Adenauer, West German Chancellor, that certain weapons, including atomic weapons, would not be manufactured in the Federal Republic.

Mr. Eden said: "this voluntary renunciation was made at a difficult moment in the conference. It enabled the conference to resolve a problem for which no other acceptable solution was in sight."

He added: "If our hopes in these agreements can really be realised my greatest measure of

satisfaction will lie in the fact that Germany can find her place in joint membership with countries she has in the past invaded. "In no other way can we build hope to rebuild our shattered Europe. And so, at long last, out of the sufferings of the past may come security for the future."

Mr. Eden described as "a formidable step to take" Britain's pledge to leave troops on the continent of Europe for the rest of the century. "But I am convinced, the Government were right to take it. If we had not done so the whole conference would have failed with disastrous consequences for us all," he said.

GOOD PROGRESS

Of remaining problems, including the future of the Saar, Mr. Eden said: "The rapid progress so far made encourages us to hope none of the remaining difficulties will be allowed to delay this great consolidation of Western Europe."

Mr. Eden said he understood France's intention was that the Assembly should reach a decision on the new Western defence arrangements between now and the end of the year.

Mr. Eden was questioned by Labour Ministers on the financial cost to Britain of maintaining four divisions and a tactical air force on the Continent.

He said the arrangements would be basically the same as they were under the former European Defence Community scheme.

DEBATED LATER

With regard to long-term expenditure, this could be debated when the House had the full text of the agreement.

Mr. Austin Beaver, Labour left-wing leader, asked what effect the new commitments would have on Britain's sovereignty and on South Atlantic services (concluding) that the Government would be bound to accept the new

Dutch Government Admits Receiving American Secrets

Washington, Oct. 19.

The Dutch Government confirmed today that it received intelligence data from Joseph Petersen, Jr., accused of stealing military secrets from the hush-hush National Security Agency.

The Netherlands Embassy issued a statement saying the Dutch Government thought the transmission had official U.S. approval, but the Defence Department in another statement said Petersen's activities were "completely unauthorised."

A Federal Grand Jury in nearby Alexandria, Virginia, is considering whether to indict Petersen on charges of obtaining classified information which could be used to the advantage of a foreign power.

NO STATEMENT

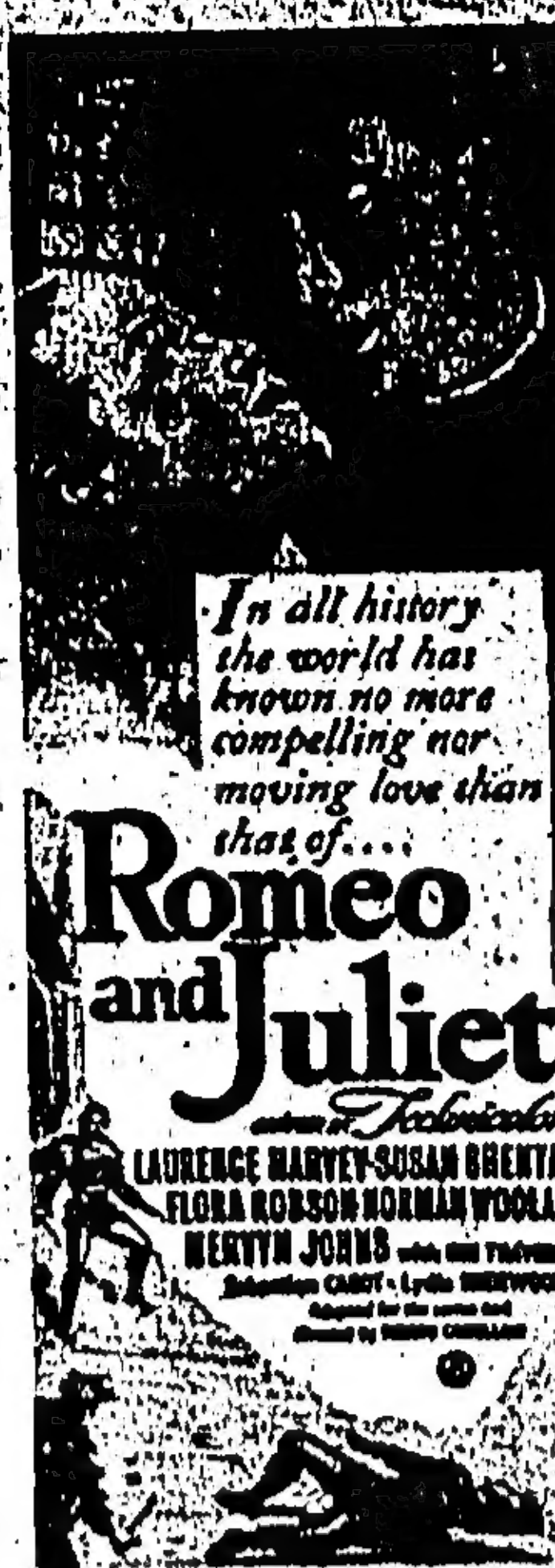
The statement issued by the Defence Department was, for some unexplained reason, labelled a "State Department" announcement. There was no such statement available at the State Department.

The Dutch and American statements followed disclosure by an informed source that Holland was the foreign country alleged to have received secrets from Petersen.

and Netherlands agencies dealing with technical aspects in the field of secret intelligence.

"In this co-operation between allies data of interest to the departments concerned of both Governments were regularly exchanged to the benefit of the joint war effort. This exchange continued during a number of years after the war and was conducted on the side of the Netherlands by Government officials. The Netherlands authorities concerned could not but assume that the continuation of this exchange was known and authorised by the superiors of Mr. Petersen."—United Press.

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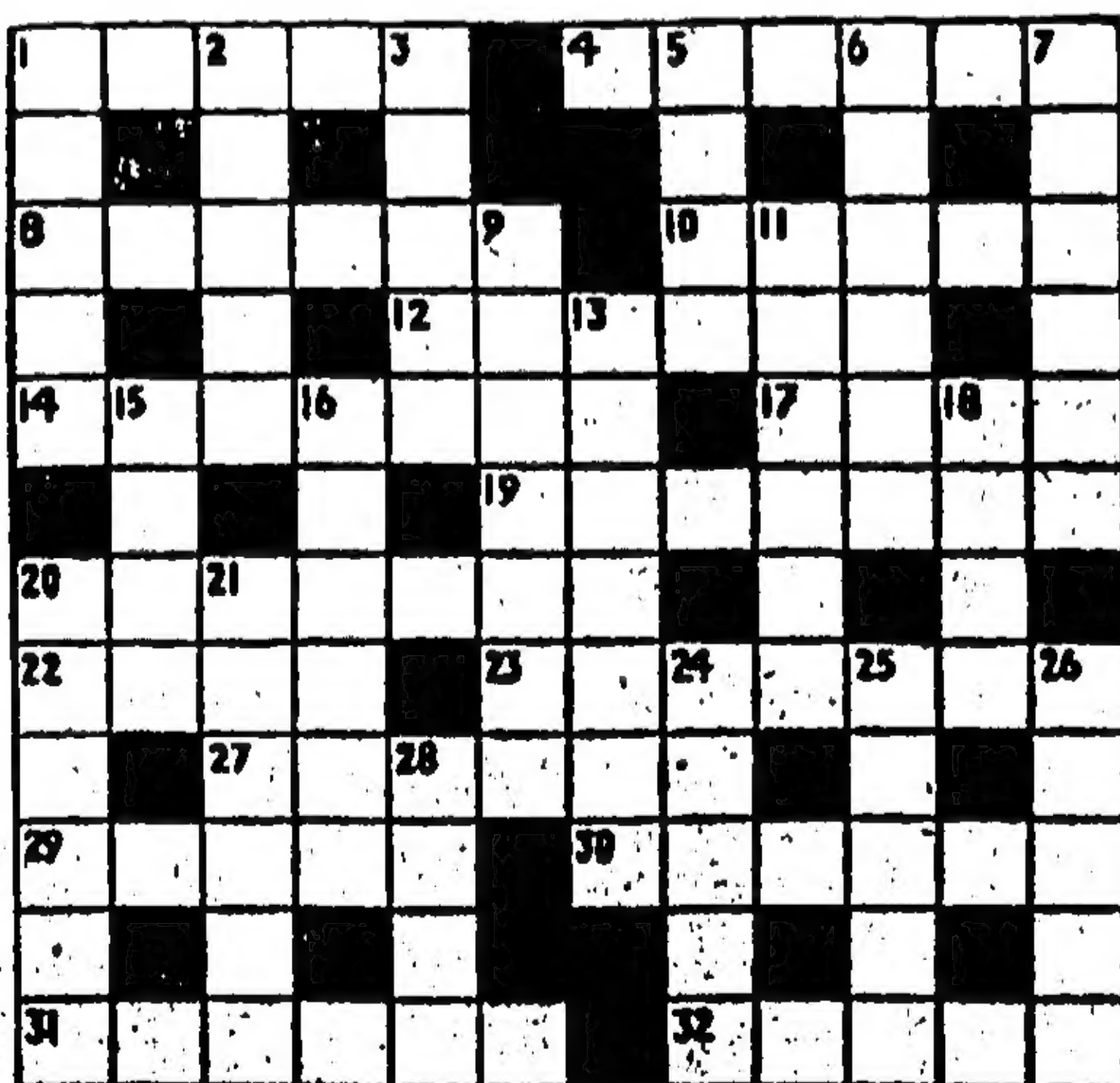
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 - Threshold (6).
 - Out and about (6).
 - Pungent (6).
 - Looking-glass (6).
 - Got ready (3).
 - Thick cord (4).
 - Turned inside-out (7).
 - Protested (7).
 - Object of worship (4).
 - Quarvered (7).
 - Felt (6).
 - Rhythm (5).
 - Modest (6).
 - Enlivening (6).
 - Cluster of bees (5).
- DOWN**
- Morass (5).
 - Poetry (5).
 - Stage play (6).
 - Bellow (4).
 - Bird (6).
 - Circulated (6).
 - Guides (7).
 - Fan for horses (6).
 - Venerated (7).
 - Regretful (4).
 - Early policeman (6).
 - Kind of dog (4).
 - Dog (5).
 - Nourish (6).
 - Rolls (6).
 - Girl's name (5).
 - Violent sea in sleep (5).
 - Thrumming gong (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 Ascribes, 8 Prod, 10 Daring, 11 Returned, 13 Test, 15 Dramatic, 18 Detained, 19 Dray, 21 Silencer, 23 President, 25 Hunt, 27 Dispersed, Down: 1 Spurn, 2 Look, 4 Span, 6 Road, 8 Heave, 9 Right, 10 Dread, 12 Month, 14 Arrow, 16 Some, 18 Taper, 20 Crawl, 22 Cross, 24 Avert, 26 Sign, 28 Less, 30 Quay, 31 Run.

Heavy Odds Against Republicans

Washington, Oct. 19.

The blackest fact for Republicans in this political campaign is that the United States tradition dictates heavy odds against their Party in the election which takes place two weeks from today.

The odds roughly are nine to one, based on recent off-year election returns; that the Republicans will lose the House next November 2.

Senate prospects are better, but far from bright and joyous.

A fortnight remains in which the Republicans may explode a campaign bomb which would shorten the odds. There is no evidence such is coming unless it be the stepped-up, speaking schedule of President Eisenhower.

Eisenhower has been under such pressure to go all out to prove the slim majorities by which his Party barely clings to organizational control of Congress. Organizational control enabling Republicans to become chairman of Congressional committees, also the Speaker and a position of great respect, of the Senate, is a key position in the political campaign.

NO WORKING CONTROL

Republicans have not had a working control of either the House or Senate. The Congressional line-up now is:

Senate—Republicans 49, Democrats 46, Independent 1. House—Republicans 216, Democrats 218, Independent 1. Vice-President—Eisenhower.

The pollsters of 1954 generally agree that the Democrats will gain sufficient House seats to take over and elect Representative (Ben Rayburn) (D-Texas) Speaker in succession to Speaker (Walter B. Reuther) (D-Michigan).

QUEEN, S COLOURS



Lester Piggott, wearing the Queen's colours for the first time, is mounted on Her Majesty's horse Pambulator, which he rode in the Middleham Nursery Handicap at the York meeting.

The horse was unplaced. Piggott has taken the place of Sir Gordon Richards as first jockey to the Noel Murless stable.—Reuterphoto.

Gutierrez Shield 2nd Round Draw

The winner of the Hongkong v. Switzerland match on Saturday will play Canada, China meets Pakistan, Malaya plays Ireland and Philippines will clash with Portugal in the second round of the Gutierrez International Shield Lawn Bowls Competition to be played this Sunday.

The above draw, as well as setting the date for the Aitkenhead Shield competition between Hongkong and Kowloon for November 14 at Austin Road, was decided upon at the Hongkong Lawn Bowls Association Management Committee meeting held at Messrs. Gilman & Co Ltd, Alexandra House, yesterday. Mr. M. N. Rakusen was in the chair.

Regarding prizes for the League competitions, it was decided that a permanent shield be presented to the respective winners of each division, to be held for one year, together with a commemorative wooden plaque which division winners would hold permanently, while 14 silver medals, suitably inscribed, will be given to each of the players of the winners of each division.

MATCHES IN ENGLAND

Mr Rakusen informed the meeting that it was expected there would be a strong contingent of Hongkong lawn bowlers in England next year, and suggested that the English Bowling Association be contacted to see if arrangements could be made for two or three rinks to play against County or other representative sides.

Approval was given to the suggestion.



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RUGBY LIGHTS UP, BUT IT'S STILL NOT BRIGHT ENOUGH

By DEREK JOHN

Rugby took a leaf out of the Soccer book the other night. At London's White City Stadium, the first-ever Rugby Union match was played under floodlights. Harlequins and Cardiff, the pride of Wales, were the clubs to make this bit of rugger history.

There were 20,000 spectators, seven times the usual rugger "gate." Millions more watched the game on television, but the game still brought most enjoyment to the 30 players.

The night's floodlit venture suggests the authorities are making an effort to popularize the game. They must think again. It will take more than the floodlights' glamour to put it over. It all really boils down to the fact that you must fully understand rugby to enjoy watching it. For anybody not brought up to the handling code, the lights don't help much.

It is my view that, for rugby to catch on, the powers that be will have to discover ways of making the game a flowing spectacle, rather than a series of disjointed attack moves around one spot for anything up to five minutes at a time.

They must cut down on the number of scrummages and line-outs and do away with the knock-on. Unless the Union officials put their heads together and remedy these points it looks as though rugby will stay a player's game.

IN TOO SMALL DOSES There are thrills, spills and skill. But the skill comes in too small doses. For instance there were only five or six passing movements by either Cardiff or the Quins during the whole match.

Then, and only then, did the game come to life. It was good to watch those Cardiff scrum-quarries flinging the ball from man to man and selling "dum-dums" by the dozen. But it will not last for a matter of seconds only—before petering out into another line-out or scrum.

I have often wondered how much of the 70 minutes in a rugby match is taken up with actual play. Not very long is my guess.

Colony Hard Court Tennis Championships

As expected, the feature match of the Colony Men's Hardcourt Tennis Championship played at Chinese Recreation Club yesterday was the three-set battle between Recreio's F. M. Ribeiro and Tommy Rodrigues against Cyril Kotewall and George Choa.

The Colony Champions, in Koon-hung and Edwin Tsai, breeched through 12 games in a row to eliminate P. F. Zau and K. Y. Chang from the competition, whilst another favourite pair, Choy Tin-kin and Tsai Wai-pui were offered surprisingly stern resistance from F. G. Lonne and A. Augustad, who took them to 12 games in the first set before succumbing.

The Recreio pair's feat was all the more meritorious insofar as their opponents are one of the seeded pairs of the tournament.

The following are the results of yesterday's matches and the fixtures for today and tomorrow:

THE RESULTS
F. M. Ribeiro & T. E. Rodrigues beat L. C. Kotewall & George Choa 3-0; 6-2; 6-0.
Choy Tin-kin & Tsai Wai-pui beat F. G. Lonne & A. Augustad 7-5; 6-3; 6-0.
Tsai & K. H. Ho beat P. F. Zau & K. Y. Chang 6-0; 6-0.
Ho Wing-chun & Wong Shui-wing beat G. B. Smart & Z. Ziaul 6-2; 6-4.

TODAY'S MATCHES
Time 5.30 p.m.
Men's singles—Ng Man-cheung v C. A. Braun; Edwin Tsai v H. C. Wong; Francis Ma v Choy Tin-kin; Seubert v Ho M. Cheong; F. M. Ribeiro v T. Wang.
TOMORROW'S MATCHES
Time 5.30 p.m.
Men's doubles—P. F. Zau & V. T. Wang v Chung Wing-keung & Chung Wah-chui; C. A. Braun & E. Seubert v Tony Leung & Liu Boon-ahng; M. C. Ng & Ho Cheong-po v W. T. Lee & T. C. Lu; S. L. Ho & Choy Ping-kin v K. C. Deo & Patrick Poon; Ernie Pereira & Joseph Hui v Ho Wing-chun & Wong Shui-wing; Wong Yui-tai & Au Kam-moon v E. Tsai & K. H. Ip.

Surrey Wins Pistol Championship

London, Oct. 18. Surrey, with a total of 2,087 points, which beat the record of 1,948 points, have won the annual Essex-County Pistol Competition, promoted by National Small Bore Rifle Association.

Yorkshire also beat the record in the second place, with 2,000 points, as did Middlesex, with 2,001 points. Surrey's victory was a surprise, as they had never won before.

For rugby followers there was enough to hold the interest. If not thrill them to bits, Bloddy Williams, the Welsh international, demonstrated that he is still one of rugby's "greats." Llewellyn and his opposite number, Gibbs, are among the finest full-backs in the game.

There was the inevitable Vic Roberts at forward for Harlequins in the thick of it as usual, and giving a hint to the English selectors that he is ready and willing to give them a hand.

Cardiff played like world-beaters for the first 35 minutes and deservedly led by six points, through a try by Wells

and a penalty goal by Judd at half-time.

But the fighting Harlequins came right into the picture after the interval, and for the last quarter of an hour there was only one team in it—and that wasn't Cardiff.

A minute before time, Woodruff scored an amazing try for the Quins, getting his finger tips to a diagonal kick ahead by Bartlett. Harrison coolly placed the ball for the kick, and sent it sailing between the posts. The ball had hardly landed when the whistle blew, and Harlequins had won 8-6. A dramatic finish, but a poor game!

(—London Express Service)

DOWER BEATS TULI

Empire Flyweight Championship Changes Hands

London, Oct. 19.

Dai Dower, 21-year-old Welsh miner, won the Empire Flyweight Championship when he outpointed Jake Tuli, South African holder, over 15 rounds.

It was Dower's first ever fight for a title and the first time he had boxed 15 rounds. He has now won all his fights since turning professional after boxing in the 1952 Olympic Games at Helsinki, where he reached the quarter-finals.

Supported by more than 2,000 vociferous Welsh fans among the 11,000 who packed the arena, Dower fought cleverly from the start and never allowed himself to be overawed by the reputation of his opponent.

He took great care to avoid the heavy swings that have won Tuli many grim battles against leading flyweights and bantamweights.

It looked as if Dower's meteoric rise to fame might be halted when he returned to his corner at 12 minutes of the first round with a cut below his left eye. But he did not allow this to trouble him and as round ten came up he looked a probable winner.

VICIOUS SWINGS
Tuli, however, staged a great comeback in rounds 10 and 11 to keep the fight alive. He landed with vicious swings against a tiring opponent. But the curly-headed little Welshman came but for round 12 refreshed and regained the initiative to ret himself firmly on the road to victory.

The Irish referee, Andrew Smyth, had no hesitation in lifting Dower's hand when the final gong went. Completely overcome, Dower sat in his corner and wept unashamedly as his countrymen sang the Welsh anthem, "Land Of My Fathers."

It was a great victory for Dower though a general opinion was that Tuli fought below his best. The Zulu was warned on more than one occasion for hitting low and using his head.

For Dower, the next step is a bid for the world title which the British promoter, Mr. Jack Solomon, will try to arrange for next March with Yoshio Shirai, the Japanese holder of the title.—Reuter.

THOM WINS ON KO
Wally Thom retained his British and European Welterweight Boxing Championships at Harringay Arena tonight when he knocked out Lew Lazar of London in the sixth round of a 15 rounds contest.



(Edited by Sam Leitch)

Fleet-footed Johnny Hannigan, soldier outside-right of Greenock Morton and price-tagged at £12,000, has impressed Chelsea assistant manager Stewart Davidson.

Signaller Hannigan, stationed at Catterick in Yorkshire, has also lured the scouts of Middlesbrough, Spurs, and Pompey. But they were not impressed to the extent of £12,000.

In his latest outing before Chelsea's No. 2 official, Hannigan touched the form which has made him one of Scotland's speediest raiders. Also looking on was Pompey's Scottish representative Hugh Bone.

Two penalty misses by Watney Barnes and Don Roper of Arsenal. A lucky "in-off" penalty scored by Alex Forbes.

Guess who has been practising hard from the spot these days at Highbury—goalkeeper Jack Kelsey. He wouldn't mind taking them!

(—London Express Service)

CHALLENGER HOPES

Victory Over Gavilan May Mean Suspended Gaol Sentence

Philadelphia, Oct. 19.

Kid Gavilan, a question-mark Champion because of inactivity, will make his eighth defence of the welter-weight crown on Wednesday night against Johnny Saxton of New York, a desperate challenger with a "spoiler style" and a dull aim.

Their twice-postponed 15-round bout at Convention Hall at 6300 hour GMT on Thursday may set a new indoor Philadelphia gate record of more than 30,000. That would require at least 11,000.

Gavilan, the dancing bolo specialist from Cuba, hasn't fought in nearly seven months because of an injured right hand and a virus infection.

At 28, the Champion is facing a 24-year-old challenger who serves the crown not only because of the gold and glory that goes with it but also because he believes a victory tomorrow night will prevent his going to jail in New York on Thursday.

He is scheduled to start serving a 15-day workhouse sentence on Thursday for ignoring a dozen traffic tickets.

On account of the forthcoming visit of a local hockey side to Macao, there will be only two Men's League matches in the First Division programme over the week-end.

In the Ladies and Second Division (Men's) however, a full programme has been arranged. All of these, the Victorians v. Dolphins A on Saturday and the Nav Barst B v. Army C on Sunday, should provide hockey fans with the best games.

The following are the fixtures for all Divisions of the League:

SATURDAY
Ladies' Division
Victorians v. Dolphins "A" on Pool (Happy Valley) at 3.30 p.m. (Umpire: U. S. Dillon, Missy Ham).

Men's First Division "A" on Pool (Kings Park) at 3.30 p.m. (Umpire: J. B. Gonçalves, H. Rosa).

K.G.V. v. Services on Army C.D. (Boundary St.) at 3.30 p.m. (Umpire: Sigman Maughan, Sgt. M. J. Moore).

Men's Second Division
Booknups v. Dolphins "B" on Pool (Happy Valley) at 3.30 p.m. (Umpire: C. Palmer, Krishan Lal).

Knights v. H.K.H.C. on Army C.D. (Boundary St.) at 3.30 p.m. (Umpire: Sgt. English, Tara Singh).

Nav Barst "B" v. Army "A" on Pool (Kings Park) at 3.30 p.m. (Umpire: H. Rosa, M. L. G. Mopied).

R.N. v. Police on R.N. G.D. at 3.30 p.m. (Umpire: FR/Sgt. Conon, M. Wood R.N.).

FUTURE FIXTURES
Oct. 20
Ladies' Division—Dolphins "A" v. Victorians "A" on Pool (Happy Valley) at 3.30 p.m. (Umpire: C. Palmer, Krishan Lal).

Men's First Division—Y.M.C.A. v. Recreio "A" on Pool (Happy Valley) at 3.30 p.m. (Umpire: R.N. v. R.N. "A" v. Army "A" on Pool (Kings Park) at 3.30 p.m. (Umpire: H. Rosa, M. L. G. Mopied).

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THOSE WINNING GIRLS!

Unlike Arsenal, They Triumphed

By DOROTHY TYLER

(Twice Olympic Silver-Medallist in the High Jump, who was one of them)

It has been a wonderful trip. And now we know, after our defeats of Hungary and Czechoslovakia, that, with Russia, we lead Europe in women's athletics.

The only depressing part of it was the news of our footballers' defeat in Moscow.

They gave the excuse that it was because they were tired from arriving only 35 hours before the match. Well, we arrived within 24 hours of our meeting with Hungary, and after a two-day air journey too. But we won—and went on to beat Czechoslovakia.

In Budapest we beat Hungary by 59 points to 34, and then we beat Czechoslovakia by 58 to 48. At least I hope this makes up for the defeat of our footballers.

Iron Curtain officials asked us how we did it. Well, it's not only necessary to have the will to win, but also to have the will to train to win.

In Hungary we watched a big football match, and we were convinced that their professional footballers must train as hard as amateur athletes.

Yes, I know this sounds funny, but look how hard some of our athletes train. Dime Leather, who works in a hospital, trains sometimes five nights a week, Shirley Hampton, a secretary, five or six nights a week, and Shirley Cawley, a bank clerk, sometimes seven nights a week.

They work on the theory that hard work gives you the ability to do still harder work.

Those Hungarian footballers have more stamina than our players. They run faster and harder—obviously the result of hard running, probably on the track.

FIT—FIRST

I think our footballers play football and use that as a way

to get fit eventually, whereas our athletes get fit first—then compete.

I would suggest that a summer season of track athletics would do our footballers nothing but good. And if they argue that this would wear them out before the football season began, let them look at Ken Jones, international sprinter and rugby player. He believes one sport helps the other.

That's not all. I still think we girls have an advantage. You see, it's not necessary or advisable to think, train, and play your sport all day and every day.

Our girls have their businesses and families to think of too. (No, I don't think motherhood interferes with athletics—look at Fanny Blankers-Koen, with two children, and me!)

That way they come fresh to their training in the evening—fresh mentally.

FUN—ALWAYS

The Hungarians were amazed at the cheerful way we tackled our sport. We were always laughing and joking. Yes, I

think one can be too serious about sport too. It's possible to train really hard and enjoy it.

Our only weakness now is in our throwing events. The Iron Curtain countries have discovered their world-class women throwers among their labourers' and farmers' daughters.

I think if we scoured the country we could find similar British material.

Now, here is something quite outside sport that we women noticed—the way we were complimented on our clothes. We were 10 times better dressed than the girls behind the Iron Curtain, and could easily hold our own in looks too. But that was not their fault.

Clothes are behind the fashions there, and it is impossible to get good make-up, so they have to go without wearing cosmetics.

—(London Express Service).

1,400 Watch Olympic Champion

An estimated 1,400 spectators at the New Ritz Swimming Pool yesterday afternoon were thrilled by the spectacular diving exhibition given by Major Sammy Lee, the two-time Olympic High Diving Champion.

Dividing his exhibition into two parts, interspersed by a series of events by local swimming talent, Major Lee dived a total of 15 times before the breathless crowd.

An enthusiastic ovation was accorded to the 34-year-old world high dive champion who also received three tributes from the Colony's Korean Residents' Association, Korean Consulate-General, Bank of Korea, and the visiting Korean Basketball team.

Some of the dives performed were invented by Major Lee years ago. Among these were the "Teehee" back knife, the Jack Knife flying one and a half somersault and the Twist dive with combinations.

Highlighting the programme was the performance of the Commando diver. It consisted of one somersault, striking the spring board for the second time, and a forward dive to complete.

At the conclusion of his exhibition Major Lee thanked the Hongkong Amateur Swimming Association, his sponsor, for giving him the opportunity to perform in the Colony.

Of the local divers, Major Lee said that they had natural ability and were promising. What they needed was more coaching and more pool facilities for training.

Major Lee is also the recent winner of the James E. Sullivan award given to the leading U.S. amateur athlete for 1953.

RACE RESULTS

Following were the results of the swimming events held at the New Ritz yesterday:

Men's 100 yards Free Style (Handicap)—Wan Shu-ming, 55.3 sec; 2, Chow, 58.3 sec; 3, Cheung Yim-ming, 59.3 sec.

Women's 200 yards Breast Stroke (Handicap)—1, Cheung King-wah, 3 min. 37.5 sec; 2, Lam Han-fong, 3 min. 40.0 sec; 3, Lam Han-fong, 3 min. 40.0 sec.

Men's 100 yards Butterfly Stroke (Flat)—1, Pang Chiu-wei, 55.3 sec; 2, C. A. A. A. A., 56.3 sec; 3, Tong Chiu-ching, 57.3 sec.

Women's 100 yards Back Stroke (Handicap)—1, Cheung King-wah, 3 min. 37.5 sec; 2, Lam Han-fong, 3 min. 40.0 sec; 3, Lam Han-fong, 3 min. 40.0 sec.

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The "Top Spot" this week is once again devoted to those Hellos and Goodbyes that are so much a part of Army sport.

Our welcome to the 1st Bn. North Staffordshire Regiment is tinged with a touch of regret at the departure from the Colony of the 1st Bn. The Welch Regiment.

The newcomers will not find it easy to live with local memories of the successes of their predecessors but according to all the accounts of their own achievements in Korea they will make a brave try.

The Welch Regiment has left behind many friends in every realm of Colony sport and, if it is their outstanding victories on the rugby field that are best remembered, such recollections should not be allowed to mask their contributions to many other games.

In boxing, cycling, soccer, basketball, hockey, swimming and cricket the Regiment made its presence felt, and its hard-playing sportsmen were always a force to be reckoned with when sports honours were being contested.

In welcoming the 1st Bn. North Staffordshire Regiment to our midst it is fair to tell them they will find that competition is keen and that the standards of inter-regimental sport are quite high.

It is certain that the Army selectors of all the games where representative sides are in action will be watching the new arrivals with interest, and it seems certain that the Army soccer selectors will be taking an early opportunity to look at the available talent in their ranks.

A special welcome will be given to 2/Lieut. T. Buckley who is a soccer referee of considerable promise and no doubt he will be quickly co-opted to the active Army Referees' Association.

Army sportsmen in the Colony will look forward to meeting and seeing the newcomers in action in all the spheres of sport currently operative in our sports calendar.

One of the most popular football competitions in Army circles is the Ayrer McKenna Cup which is played for annually by the various medical units in the Colony. The draw for the 1954-55 competition is as follows:

33 General-Hospital vs. BMH, Bowen Road.

18 Field Ambulance vs. 20 Field Dressing Station.

These games are scheduled to be played off by October 28.

The final is due to take place at the Boundary Street ground on Friday, October 29, when the kick-off will be at 5 p.m.

Mrs Meyers, wife of the Managing Director of W.R. Loxley & Co. (China) Ltd., will present the trophy to the winning side at the end of the game.

CROSS COUNTRY

For the first time this season we have news of cross-country running and it is good to find that it comes from the recently arrived Essex Regiment.

They obviously have their eyes firmly fixed on the season's top honours for they had arranged to hold their Inter-Company meeting at Fanning at 10 o'clock this morning. Companies were allowed to enter 10 runners with eight to count in the final reckoning.

The run is a stiff one over a five miles course and several prominent competitors were expected to take part. The list included Lt. R. W. Dawney, who won the Commonwealth Divisional Championship in Korea in 1953; Pte. Dunn, a most promising runner who has already represented Southern Counties, and finally Lt. K. Birch who is the County Champion of Bedfordshire.

It will be interesting to hear of the outcome of this race, particularly as far as the individual placings are concerned for with top-class runners in the field it could well be a strong indication of things to come.

SLICE MOVING

No one can accuse the various Army sports associations in the Colony of letting any grass grow under their feet, and the energetic RMBE Boxing Club gets full marks for another piece of slice moving.

When they stage their boxing programme at the Macpherson Playgrounds next Saturday evening they will have the assistance of an outstanding boxer, who has just arrived from the Colony.

His name is Jimmy Lee, a 100 lb. boxer, who has just arrived from the Colony.

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BIG SCREEN v. LITTLE SCREEN

A RINGSIDE REPORT ON THE ENTERTAINMENT BATTLE OF THE CENTURY

By CECIL WILSON

Hollywood.

This land of lush make-believe that sprang up 50 years ago from a cactus waste is all that I imagined it to be—with one exception. I came expecting jitters and I found only jitters. The general aspect of the place is so like Hollywood that it seems to be burlesquing itself.

All the expected things are there in abundance—the palm, pepper, and eucalyptus trees, the filling stations, the garish cinemas, the jazzy lights, the conglomeration of architecture ranging from vaguely Old English to what James Agate used to call "late wedding cake."

There are also the sleek cars all appearing to be in too great a hurry to remember where they are going, and the sort of confused hustle summed up in a Bing Crosby song as "running around in circles getting nowhere very fast."

In the first nine months of last year Hollywood produced 234 films. In the first nine months of this year it produced only 158, but they were good enough to bring in 15 per cent more business.

Moreover, as quantity has made way in the cinema for quality, so has TV shimmered down from a craze to just part of the general entertainment pattern. And the studios that once reeled under its onslaught now march along with it—not completely thank goodness, but with a sober confidence that they can still give the public what they want and what TV cannot provide.

Joan Crawford, a senior girl among film stars who remains as young and vital as most of the juniors, opens her wide eyes even wider with scorn when you asked her how hard she thinks home viewing will hit the cinema.

The one thing missing is the public. My impression of Hollywood, from England was of a great industry reduced to a jelly of despair by the force of TV; my impression of it from Hollywood is of an industry that has learned to take TV in its stride.

The competition that hit it five years ago like a blow beneath the belt has subsequently had the effect of a shot in the arm, and proved the best thing that could have happened to a business swollen with self-satisfaction by living too long and well on the fat of the land.

It reminds me of a man who has fought through a grave illness and emerged from a major operation leaner, fitter, and wider awake than ever.

It was, to be sure, a grim illness while it lasted. Money that once poured through the cinema box-office was diverted to TV hire-purchase. The public asked themselves: "Why should we turn out into the cold to see a bad programme when we can stay at home and see something just as bad beside the fire?"

The answer was that attendance dropped by half, 5,000 cinemas closed, studios slashed their staffs, stars who thought they were under contract for life found themselves suddenly on the market, and producers died and failed to complete with the new evil by veering from a miserable minimum of films to a crazy maximum in which quality was the last consideration.

Searching around desperately for something to startle the public out of their listless lethargy, they turned to the optical wonders of 3-D, whereby audiences were charged extra for the privilege of straining their eyes through coloured glasses.

It has meant timing, temperamental stars and getting down to business in the preliminary stages so that a film unit could go on to the set with some idea of the sort of film it was going to make.

So, I might suggest, are some of our pictures, for the American public may some day have a chance of discovering

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AUSTRALIAN CRITIC SAYS

MCC Tourists Made Hard Work Of It At Perth

Melbourne, Oct. 19.

The MCC team was "entitled to a pass, but not with honours" for its seven wickets win over West Australia in the "first cricketing examination" of the Australian tour, was the summing up of cricket writer Percy Jeames in the Melbourne Age newspaper.

"Marks lost by the Englishmen were for brittleness of batting, indifferent and slack fielding in which dropped catches prominently showed up," wrote Jeames.

"The longer the game went on the more did the play of the tourists detract from their impressiveness against the country side at Dunbury. In the final three-quarters of an hour taken to wind up the game today, they fell well below the expectations of an international side."

"The tourists made hard work of winning a game which they should have finished off without serious trouble yesterday," Jeames added.—China Mail Special.

BY SEVEN WICKETS

Perth, Oct. 10. The MCC touring cricket team today beat Western Australia here by seven wickets to win their opening first class match of the tour.

The final scorecard read: MCC 354 and 40 for three, Western Australia 103 and 255.

When play began to-day, a humid breeze blew from the east instead of the fresh south-westerly wind and so Statham, for the first time in the match, bowled from the pavilion end and obtained a good deal of seaming.

After Meuleman had completed three figures, by cutting Leeder, he took two fours off Statham, bowling short, late cutting the bowling off successive balls. Then in the same over, anticipating a bumper, he drew away but the ball just scraped over his middle stump and passed his glove to be taken easily by Evans behind the wicket.

Meuleman had batted six and a half hours for his 109, which included 11 fours.

The left-handed Price stepped confidently, having helped Meuleman to put on 50 for the ninth wicket.

NEATLY TAKEN

Gerrings, however, the last man to bat, was neatly taken by Statham, at third slip to show the findings for 105. It had been tested seven and a half hours.

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Great Baseball Batter Dies

Boston, Oct. 19.

Hugh Duffy, 88, one of the greatest baseball batters that ever lived, died today.

Duffy, a slugger from the old gashlight era of baseball, compiled a lifetime average of .330 in his 19 years of play from 1888 to 1906, mostly with the Boston Braves.

In 1894, he hit the all-time high of 0.49, a record that is now likely to be broken with modern pitching.

In 1905 Duffy was voted into the Baseball Hall of Fame at Cooperstown, N. Y.

Duffy, after his playing days, spent eight years as a manager with Philadelphia, Milwaukee, Chicago and Boston in both leagues. At one time he owned the Portland, Maine, club.

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